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Nearly 10% of all United States ADSMs live in North Carolina. The state has the fifth highest number of total military personnel per capita and ranks fourth nationally in active duty military personnel per capita. There are currently 120,000 ADSMs based at one of the seven military installations or deployed overseas. North Carolina is likely to receive 15,000 additional active duty members by 2013 as military installations close in other states.^{1,2}

Reserve Component

The reserve component comprises both the Reserve and the National Guard. Although there are many similarities between these two reserve components, there are also key differences. Thus, the two reserve components are described separately to clarify their structure, function, and impact on North Carolina.

Reserve

The Reserve is a diverse group. Each of the five military branches has Reserve units; this discussion will focus on the Army Reserve. The Army is the largest and longest-established branch of the military in the nation and in North Carolina. Reserve units include both Selected and Individual Ready Reserves. The Selected Reserve is made up of:

Troop Program Unit (TPU): The Troop Program Unit is an Army Reserve soldier assigned to an Army Reserve unit and required to perform training one weekend each month and 14 days active duty training (ADT) per year. The TPU soldier is commonly referred to as a “Drilling Reservist.” There are 5,784 TPU soldiers in North Carolina.

Active Guard Reserve (AGR): The Active Guard Reserve soldier supports and enhances the mobilization readiness of the Army Reserve. AGR soldiers serve full time and enjoy the same benefits and entitlements as an active duty soldier, including medical care for themselves and their immediate family and the opportunity for immediate retirement after 20 years of active service. Soldiers serving within the AGR program are stationed worldwide in positions that directly support the Army Reserve. There are 568 AGR soldiers in North Carolina.

Individual Mobilization Augmentee (IMA): The Individual Mobilization Augmentee program’s overall objective is to facilitate the rapid expansion of the Active Army wartime structure of the Department of Defense and/or other departments or agencies of the US Government to meet military manpower requirements. The IMA soldiers are subject to immediate, involuntary order to active duty whenever there is a presidential reserve call-up (PRC)^a and in time of war or national emergency when declared by the President or Congress.^b Drilling IMA (DIMA) positions are identified as critical elements for mobilization during PRC, requiring an incumbent to maintain an even higher level of proficiency than a regular IMA soldier. Soldiers assigned to DIMA positions are authorized

^a 10 USC 12304

^b 10 USC 12301, 12302, or 12303